

OREGON WHEAT

September 25, 2001



The Honorable Greg Walden
United States House of Representatives
1404 I.HOB
Washington, DC 20515

(SENT VIA FAX)

Dear Representative Walden:

Thank you for your letter dated September 24 requesting the support of the Oregon Wheat Growers League for your bills: HR 2585; HR 2827; HR 2828 and HR 2829. It is with great enthusiasm that the OWGL offers its support for these bills. We do believe these pieces of legislation will effectively address the current crisis in the Klamath Basin and to create a better future for all parties.

As you are already aware, the farmers in the Klamath Basin are anxiously awaiting some positive news for water allocations to enable their planning for the future, and mitigate risks through crop insurance programs. Producers planting fall crops must have an assurance of water before purchasing their crop insurance policies. The deadline for fall crop sign-ups is next Monday, October 1.

During our last visit to the Hill we included both the need for ESA reform and the need for swift action to address the water issues of the Klamath Basin in our briefing papers. We appreciate your willingness to commit your time and attention to these issues and stand ready to assist you in your efforts.

Please feel free to contact me if we can be further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tammy Dennee, Executive Director
OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE

cc: OWGL Board of Directors
Rep. James Hansen, Chair - Resources Committee
Rep. Nick Rahall II, Rank Member - Resources Committee